Ammar Sidhu

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto Toronto Toronto, ON

Bachelor's of Science in Applied Statistics and Geographic Information Systems

Sept. 2018 - Apr. 2024

- Minor in Mathematical Sciences
- Coursework: Spatial Data Science, Regression Analysis, Bayesian Statistics, Information Processing, Space Time Data Analysis

EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto Toronto Toronto

Undergraduate Research Analyst

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Automated landuse/landcover (LULC) mapping of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) with classification algorithms.
- Created a training dataset in QGIS by sampling over 1000 pixels with stratified random sampling based on 16 LULC classes.
- Implemented Sentinel-2 satellite imagery's spectral, and visible bands (10m spatial resolution) as predictor data.
- Applied cloud-masking on the satellite imagery to filter any cloud-cover that was present in the TRCA during peak summer (June to August).
- Achieved a testing data accuracy of 74% across all LULC on the Random Forest model through leveraging hyperparameter Tuning.

Canada Post Mississauga, ON

Data Entry

Apr. 2019 - Jan. 2021

- Assisted Canadian Border Services Agency with entering parcel information using excel spreadsheet automation formulas to sort mail.
- Resulted in a 25% increase in mail distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PORTFOLIO PROJECTS

Employee Salary Prediction Based on Credentials and Qualifications (View)

- Worked with an employee salary dataset from a recruiting company containing 1,000,000 employees across 8 individual credentials (features).
- Developed a Salary Prediction Model to help recruiters determine employee salaries by building regression models in Scikit-Learn.
- Obtained a MSE of 93% on the test dataset with the Gradient Boosting Regressor algorithm after hyperparameter tuning with GridSearchCV.

Can We Classify How a Nuclear Bomb was Deployed? (View)

- Developed a Nuclear Bomb Deployment Classifier that identifys the deployment method of a nuclear bomb given features about the bomb.
- Trained and tested ensemble algorithms on imbalanced multiclass data (4 classes) with Cost-Sensitive Learning in Scikit-Learn.
- Achieved 92% accuracy on the Random Forest Classifier after experimenting with 60 sets of hyperparameters in RandomizedSearchCV.

The Influence of Location for House Price Predictions - Spatial Regression vs. Machine Learning (View)

- Explored and mapped house pricing data for 187 census tracts for the city of Hamilton by working with Canada's Census Tract data.
- Built a House Price Predictor via Ridge Regression with MSE of \$57,070.99, and R² of 0.80 to help predict house prices by census tract.
- Improved prediction accuracy by increasing the R² to 0.85 on log-transformed data by implementing the Spatial Lag Regression model.

Predicting Heart Disease in Patients (View)

- Constructed a Heart Disease Classifier with linear and ensemble classifiers in Scikit-Learn on Boston Hospital's heart disease data.
- Achieved 92% testing data accuracy on the Random Forest Classifier by implementing hyperparameter tuning with GridSearchCV.
- Determined by feature importance that thallium stress and number of major vessels colored by fluoroscopy are strong predictors of heart disease.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, R, SQL, HTML; Familiar with JavaScript, CSS

Libraries & Frameworks: Pandas, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, NumPy, Seaborn, Matplotlib, Tidyverse, BeautifulSoup

Software: Google Earth Engine, ArcGIS Pro, QGIS, Git, Excel/Google Sheets; Familiar with GCP, Tableau, Hadoop